

Mr. C. Matthai.—Girls receive at the rate of Rs. 1-5-0 and boys Rs. 1-4-0.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why this differential treatment of one anna?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Because they are girls.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the difference between Tiyya girls and Muslim girls? Muslim girls are given one rupee.

Mr. C. Matthai.—Muslim girls are all small children, and so we give them one rupee.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—According to the hostel rules, the boarders—Tiyyas, Christians, etc.,—are handicapped, because they have to pay an entrance fee of Rs. 10 in the Kunnankulam Sirkar High School Hostel. I think that is necessary only in the case of boarders who take food there. That should not be made applicable to those who join for lodging alone.

Mr. C. Matthai.—As I informed the House, the admission was sanctioned last week, so I have not gone into the conditions there. The matter has not been decided yet.

President.—Can you say whether any concession can be shown to those who do not go there for food but only for lodging?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I have simply sent the order that the boys may be admitted.

President.—Of course, you will do what is necessary.

The throwing open of the Kunnankulam Hostel to all castes.

253. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether any communication has been sent by the Government, after the passing of the Proceedings of the Diwan dated 14th May 1926 directing to throw open the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnankulam to all castes and creeds, to the Headmaster of the Sirkar High School or Warden of the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnankulam asking him to give effect to the order of the Diwan; if no such order has been sent, to give the reason for not doing so; and if any such order has been sent whether the order will be placed on the table;

(b) if it has been enquired whether there are any non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu boys, seeking admission to the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnankulam, and if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government will enquire and find out the number of boys who want admission this year, and whether orders will be issued for admitting them, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not issuing such orders;

(c) whether the Government has any objection to admit non-caste Hindu and non-Hindu boys in the Hostel, provided they are willing to make their own arrangements for boarding, till separate kitchens and dining halls are made ready for them; if there is no objection, whether admission will be given now to such boys, and if there is objection, what is the objection for admitting boys who are willing to make their own boarding arrangements;

(d) whether grant is being given to any boys' hostel at Kunnankulam this academical year, and if so, to state the name of the hostels receiving grant, and how many boys there are in each of them, and to give the reason, if any, for continuing the grant, when orders have been passed by the Diwan to throw open the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnankulam to all castes;

(e) the date from which the non-caste Hindu and non-Hindu boys are admitted to the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnankulam; and if they are not yet admitted, when they will be admitted;

(f) the 'special circumstances' of the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnankulam mentioned in the Diwan's Proceedings?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes, copies of the orders dated 4th and 23rd June 1926, C. No. 2408/1101 issued by the Director of Public Instruction are placed on the table (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(b) Yes. 9 non-caste Hindu and 13 non-Hindu students sought admission into the Hostel, and they were ordered to be admitted.

(c) Vide answers to parts (a) and (b) above.

(d) Yes; they are the Y. M. C. A. and the Muslim Hostels. There are 4 boarders in the former and 9 in the latter. The question of discontinuing the grant to these Hostels has to be postponed till the necessary arrangements are made for the messing of the non-caste Hindu and non-Hindu boys in the Sirkar Hostel.

(e) Admitted on 21st Mithunam 1101.

(f) A large portion of the existing Hostel was lying vacant.

Magazines subscribed for the various schools.

254. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(i) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any magazine is bought and circulated in schools for their benefit by reading the same;

(ii) if so, what are they;

(iii) will they also be pleased to state whether the magazine 'Gurunathan' edited by Mr. R. Easwara Pillai, B. A. of

APPENDIX IV.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 253.)

C. No. 2408/1101.

Office of the Director of Public
Instruction, Trichur,
4th June 1926.

MEMO.

Reference.—Letter C. No. 424/1101, dated 7th Edavam 1101, from the Head-master, High School, Kunnamkulam, forwarded by the Senior Inspector of Schools, with reference on C. No. 5216/1101.

Non-caste Hindu pupils may be admitted, if they will make their own arrangements outside for messing, until a separate kitchen is provided by Government.

To

(Sd.) Director.

The Head-master.

,, Senior Inspector.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Read correspondence ending with letter dated 1st Mithunam 1101, C. No. 424/1101, from the Head-master, High School, Kunnamkulam.

Order dated 23rd June 1926, C. No. 2408/1101.

The orders of Government are clear. The number of caste students is too small at present to justify the whole hostel being reserved for them. A separate portion of the building may be set apart for them, and all possible arrangements made to satisfy their sentiments. The Head-master may talk to the guardians also, if necessary.

Non-caste pupils may be admitted as already ordered by Government.

To

(Sd.) Director.

The Head master.

,, Senior Inspector.

APPENDIX V.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 262.)

Samples from Cochin State.

Results of Bacteriological Examination.

1. Date of collection	...	26—5—1926	...
2. Date of receipt	...	28—5—1926	...
3. Source as per label	Borehole at Vallangi	Public well near Nelliam-pati tank	Public well near Kannimangalam in Nemmara
4. Total colonies per c. c. on agar at 37 IC	1800	2100	3700
5. Lactose fermenters present in how many c. c.	5 c. c. and upwards	1 c. c. and upwards	O. I. c. c. and upwards
6. Result of vibrios test	No vibrios in 100 c. c. of any of the 3 samples	...	...
7. Nature of lactose fermenters isolated and the number of species	All of class II (single species)	...	All of class II (2 species)